during 1993-94, Rs. 3863.13 crores have been utilised which works out to 93.42% of the allocation. Similarly, against the revised target of 10383.26 lakh mandays, 10156.82 lakh mandays have been generated during 1993-94 which works out to 97.82%.

Funds for Implementation of Rural Development Programmes

3235. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of funds for implementation of more programmes to reduce poverty in rural areas;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for going to various foreign agencies for petty funds and facilities;

(c) what action Government are taking against personnel who have initiated such schemes to seek foreign assistance for critical programmes;

(d) whether Government will consider imposing a ban on Ministry officials and officials of bodies from seeking jobs with foreign agencies to implement and finance programmes dealing with rural development; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the image of the country is being reduced by requesting foreign agencies to fund poverty relief programmes?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Rural Development has been one of the most important programmes of the Central Govt. In the 8th Five Year Plan, a massive central outlay of Rs. 30,000 crores has been provided for rural development as against Rs. 10,955 crores expenditure during the 7th Plan. The central outlay in the current year is Rs. 7,010 crores. Besides, the State Govts, also provide sufficient funds for rural development in their own budget. Therefore all efforts are being made to reduce poverty in the rural areas through implementation of several poverty alleviation and other rural development pro grammes.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

Foreign Assistance Programmes under Consideration

3236. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of foreign assistance programmes presently under consideration;

(b) whether it is a fact that direct discussions are being held by autonomous bodies like the National Institute for Rural Development with UNDP for aid and financial assistance;

(c) If not, which organisation is responsible for conducting negotiations with UNDP, UNIDO and other such international organisations;

(d) whether prior approval is required to conduct such negotiations;

(e) if so, whether prior approval was obtained in such negotiations;

(f) whether State Governments have been informed of the possible UNDP aid and the programmes for which it will be earmarked; and

(g) if so, the reaction of State Governments to the new UNDP programme?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (g) A project proposal for capacity building for. local governments and decentralised administration in support of sustainable development has been received from UNDP, New Delhi. This is under preliminary stage of examination. A decision will be taken on the proposal in accordance with the procedures and guidelines for externally aided projects as prescribed by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. The Question of directly posing such projects by this Ministry for assistance of UNDP does not arise since such projects are processed by the Department of Economic Affairs.

National Institute of Rural Development

3237. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the role of National Institute of Rural Development in making Panchayati Raj successful;

(b) whether NIRD undertakes training of elected Panchayati Raj functionaries;

(c) whether there are plans to expand activities of NIRD; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR); (a) The National Institute of Rural Development in close Coordination with the Ministry of Rural Development is playing an important role in making the new Panchayati Raj System a success. It has also interalia been associated with consultations on the drafting of the 73rd Constitution Amendment Bill, framing or State Legislations, training and the preparation of reference material.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Institute intends to organise additional training programmes for elected representatives of Panchayati Raj bodies. The NIRD is planning to expand its training network to create awareness among grassroot leaders for Panchayati Raj and microlevel planners. The NIRD has already conducted 19 Training of Trainers (TOT) programmes in Panchayati Raj and plans to conduct additional programmes during the current year.

Amount for SC/ST Areas for Development Scheme

3238. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount sanctioned for development schemes in Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe areas under Block Development Offices have to be spent for these areas only;

(b) whether Government are aware that amount of Rs. 50,000/—sanctioned under Cheque No. 028071 dated 26th March, 1994 by BDO, Khair, Aligarh Block, for Development of SC and ST area of village Mirpur Dahora was spent in non-SC and non-ST areas by Pradhan of this village;

(c) whether on complaint from villagers the BDO made an enquiry on 23rd April, 1994 and he submitted his report to CDO, Aligarh under No. 1700 on 3rd May, 1994;

(d) whether as per enquiry report any action has been taken against village Pradhan for spending sanctioned Rs. 50,000/- in other areas and thus depriving sheduled Caste areas; and

(e) what further action is being taken to ensure that SC and ST areas of village Mirpur Dahora get the benefit of the sanctioned amount?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (e) The necessary information is being collected from the State Govt, and shall be laid on the table of the House.

पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार कार्यक्रम

3239. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार कार्यक्रमों को कार्यान्वित किया गया है, यदि हां, तो उन राज्यों के नाम क्या हैं तथा इस कार्यक्रम को कब से कार्यान्वित किया गया है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है तथा क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों के कई ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों और विशेषकर आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में लोग भुखमरी से त्रस्त हैं तथा इससे निजात पाने के लिए वे अपने बच्चे सरकारी अधिकारियों तथा अन्य व्यक्तियों को बेच देते हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार के पास इस संबंध में कोई आंकड़े हैं तथा आदिवासियों की इस बदहाली/भुखमरी के लिए कौन जिम्मेदार है; और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा संबंधित राज्यों के आदिवासियों को राष्ट्रीय रोजगार योजना के अंतर्गत रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने तथा उन्हें भूखमरी से भी बचाने के लिए तत्काल क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है तथा कब तक?